

Office of Family Life Ministry,
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Upcoming Events

JULY 2008

40TH. ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF *HUMANAE VITAE: JULY 25, 2008*

JULY 17

Loving Embrace

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church
St. Paul Room in Adult Education Building
10330 Hillcroft St. | Houston, TX 77096**

**English, Spanish, Vietnamese and other ethnic background couples are welcome
7:00 p.m.**

A Catholic/Christian support group for couples who have endured or are presently enduring the pain and suffering of infertility; a place where they can encounter support, love and hope. This special group meets every 3rd Thursday of the month (July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18)

To register and more information contact:

**Shannon Lassen (713) 953-1019
infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com**

JULY 18-20

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Houston, TX.

Presented in English

Easter Sunday is like a worldwide marriage encounter weekend because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and fuller life together. Take advantage of this opportunity!

To register and more information contact:

Brian and Tina Little (281) 485-5648

Zeke and Ashley Metzler (281) 356-2204

www.mehouston.org

JULY 20-26

NFP Awareness Week

This great event marks the 40th. Anniversary of Pope Paul VI's Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, in defense of marital chastity.

The Family Life Office has the NFP Week Posters available.

To obtain copies of the poster for display at your parish, or for activities, please contact:

Joe DeVet at (281) 723-5686 or Lupe Garcia (713) 741-8710

COMING UP IN AUGUST...

AUGUST 13

Mass Honoring All Families Who Have Suffered a Miscarriage

St. Laurence Catholic Church

3100 Sweetwater Blvd. | Sugar Land, TX 77479

Presented in English

6:30 p.m.

Whether you have had a miscarriage recently or many years ago, join us in the celebration of this special Mass on Wednesday; The little one you have lost will be honored and remembered through special readings and intercessions. This Mass is also for you as the parent to celebrate this gift of life through the prayers of the Church and to celebrate our Catholic belief that you will meet your little saint in heaven. There will also be a flower given to all the mothers to honor them.

For more information contact:

Laura at lstephens@stlaurence.org

AUGUST 19

Together in Texas

St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center

Auditorium

2403 Holcombe Blvd. | Houston, TX 77021

Presented in English

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 7:00- 9 p.m.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is getting ready to implement a new law, House Bill 2685, which will increase the fee for a marriage license from \$30 to \$60. It also allows couples who complete a premarital education course to avoid payment of the \$60 marriage license fee. They will also not have to wait 72 hours to get married. Couples completing a course need to receive a certificate issued by a registered provider that allows couples seeking a marriage license to receive it for free (a \$60.00 waiver). The law takes effect September 1, 2008.

This information meeting is specially designed for clergy and Marriage Preparation coordinators to explain all the logistics of how this law will affect this ministry.

For more information contact:

Family Life Ministry (713) 741-8776 or aperez@archgh.org

AUGUST 23

Sponsor Couple Training

**St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center
2403 Holcombe Blvd. | Houston, TX 77021**

**Presented in English and Spanish
9:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.**

Fr. Ruhnke and Mrs. Zaucha will be training on the new edition of the Marriage Preparation curriculum *“For Better & For Ever”*. *This is a great opportunity to be train directly by Fr. Ruhnke.*

**For more information contact:
Family Life Ministry (713) 741-8776 or aperez@archgh.org**

AUGUST 28 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2008

Marriage & Family Life Institute

**Nold Building at St. Mary’s Seminary
9845 Memorial Drive. | Houston, TX 77024**

**Presented in English
Faculty: Dr. Jeremy Wilkins, Msgr. Frank Rossi, Dcn. Gerald DuPont, and
Mrs. Winnie Honeywell**

The Marriage and Family Life Institute sponsored by the University of St. Thomas School of Theology at St. Mary Seminary and the Office of the Diaconate is designed to provide background material as well as practical skills for clergy and lay marriage preparation ministers who work with the engaged.

**For more information contact:
Deacon Gerald Dupont (713) 686-4345 or gwdupont@hughes.net**

[Download Flyer and Registration Form](#)

SEPTEMBER 21

The 2008 Wedding Anniversary Mass

Honoring Golden (50th) and Silver (25th) Anniversary marriage for couples with weddings in 1958 or 1983.

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

1111 Pierce St. | Houston, TX 77002

Presented in English and Spanish

3:00 p.m.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be the presider. Whether or not couples attend the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by the Cardinal.

Couples wishing to participate are asked to please call the parish at (insert parish tel. nr.) and register their name, address, home telephone number and wedding date with the secretary. Deadline for registration is August ?? (*parish to determine a date prior to the August 22 deadline for submission of names to Family Life Ministry*). Soon after receiving the couples' names, the archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministry will send registered couples a letter with detailed information about the Mass. They will then have the opportunity to R.S.V.P.

For more information contact:

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